



Friends of Glen Goyle – report from site visit 23 February 2023

General points:

- **INFRASTRUCTURE:**
 - some benches will have to be 1.8m to fit into alcoves
 - path from top 'vehicle entrance' to be opened up to allow for easy accessibility
 - possible painting of fencing
- **FUNDING:**
 - EDDC should be able to pay for new set of plants come next financial year
 - looking to apply for Heritage Lottery funding
- **PLANNING:**
 - see Connaught Gdns Management Plan as example for Glen Goyle
 - to included site history, photos, current/April-June 2023 plans, public comments
- **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:**
 - create online survey; asking passers-by and recording responses

Manor Park Rd entrance:

- railway sleepers to create retaining wall/bank on right – but need to be aware of creosote issue
- some planting under beech on left: low-growing berberis/thorn/mahonia
- continue rocks to delineate path
- wooden dog pee post
- interpretation board:
 - QR codes, website, have your say, join up
 - send any sightings of birds to RSPB/DWT/SVBG

Path up Glen:

- cut back to stimulate growth: pruning to let in more light and lift the canopy to the areas at the south end close to the stream.
- no more trees needed
- under-storey planting: smaller rhododendron, camellia, skimmia, buddleia
- leave wild habitat on far bank
- some planting on banks by bridge

Meadow/lawn:

- consensus from those present: mown paths through longer meadow grass
 - Paul F to ensure SteetScene are instructed well in advance
- fernery to be established in cleared circular raised bed – working with Ed Dolphin

Seafield Road entrance:

- create a 'dell' with picnicking area/bench
- winter/late spring planting and ow shrubs/hazel
- signature FOGG plant to welcome – Chinese Lantern tree
- double litter bin to replace current dog bin
- small notice/interpretation board

These notes were compiled following the site visit of FOGG volunteers, VGS officers and EDDC Horticultural Officer Paul Fealey on Thursday 23 February 2023.

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